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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in reply to the non-final Office Action mailed December 26, 2000, due for a response by the herein-requested one-month extension of time, on April 26, 2000.

Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 9-55 are pending in the application. Claims 18-20 and 48-50 have been allowed, and claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-17, 21-47 and 51-55 remain rejected. Applicants appreciate the helpful telephone discussion with the examiner on April 2, 2001, and have taken his comments into consideration in preparing this communication.